



Mountain Flyer

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Summer Calendar

26-30 Jun WV Wing Cadet Encampment—Camp Dawson

1-3 Jul WV Wing Cadet Encampment Cond.—Camp Dawson

16-18 Jul SAREX Training at Clarksburg and Wheeling

31 Jul WV Wing Cadet Competition Workshop—Location TBA

7 Aug WV Wing Flight Clinic—Charleston

14 Aug WV Wing Cadet Orientation Flights and DDR Field Day—Clarksburg

3-5 Sep SAREX Training at Martinsburg and Lewisburg

23 Oct WV Wing Conference and Banquet—Marriott Hotel, Charleston

23 Oct WV Wing Cadet Ball—Marriott Hotel, Charleston

6-7 Nov WV Wing Cadet Competition—Buckhannon Upshur High School

SAFETY FIRST

WV Wing Receives New Aircraft

Capt Jeffery E. Schrock
Director of Public Affairs
West Virginia Wing

The West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol has received a state of the art Cessna 182 from the Cessna Factory of Independence, KS. The single engine, 230 horsepower aircraft contains a state of the art avionics system, a Civil Air Patrol radio capable of communicating on multiple frequencies particularly for Homeland Security purposes, and an electronic directional finding system (DF) for tracking emergency locator transmitters (ELTs) including the new ones on 406 Mhz.

West Virginia Wing was chosen to receive the new aircraft based on its excellent safety record. The last time the Wing received a new United States Air Force funded aircraft was in 1986. Overall, the Air Force has purchased three of the aircraft for West Virginia, and the state has purchased the other four, bringing the total to seven aircraft. With the addition of this aircraft, one of the Wing's older aircraft will be transferred to another Wing. Additionally, the Wing recently received from the Air Force a glider, which was based at the USAF Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. The glider will be used to fly cadets during CAP orientation flights. The new aircraft will be assigned to the Clarksburg Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol. Its



headquarters is located at the Harrison-Marion Regional Airport in Bridgeport, WV "The pilots and aircrew members of the Clarksburg Squadron consistently fly the most hours in the WV Wing each year," said Lt Col Rodney A. Moore, squadron commander. "Clarksburg Squadron has more mission pilots and aircrew members than any other squadron in the Wing." "The pilots and aircrew members respond quickly, and professionally to any mission requests by the WV Wing," said Moore. "Clarksburg members take great pride in the aircraft assigned, and maintain the aircraft in excellent condition at all times."

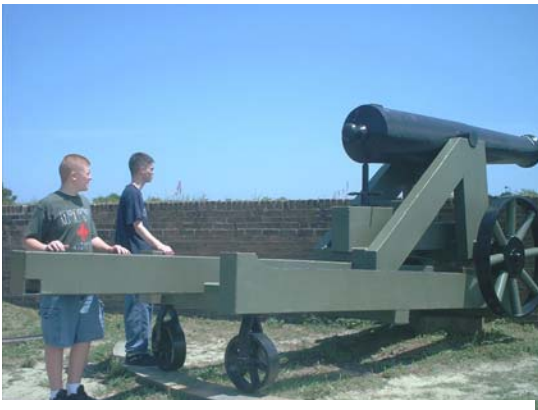
The West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol is one of 52 Wings in the United States officially chartered as an auxiliary of the United States Air Force. There are 12 units based throughout the state with approximately 675 senior members and cadet personnel. The commander of the Wing is Col Rodney F. Moody.



Boone and Mercer Squadrons Visit Pensacola Florida Navy Museum

Lt Col Larry D. Smith
Commander,
Mercer Composite Squadron

Fifteen members of Boone and Mercer Composite Squadrons recently went to the Pensacola Florida area to tour aviation and historical attractions. The units took tours of Ft. Barrancas, a pre-civil war fort built to defend the Pensacola navy yards and the Navy museum. They watched the Blue Angels perform and found time to go to the beach for a day. Personnel attending were: Lt Col Larry Smith, 1st Lt Doris Smith, SM William Hylton, Capt Anna Hylton, 1st Lt Toni Wrightsman, 2nd Lt Betty White, 2nd Lt Sandra Young, and Cadets Randy Smith, Kimberly Smith, Brent Deskins, Joshua Hamby, Angela Burgess, Bobby White, Lisa White, and Jeffery Young.



Cadets Randy and Josh Hamby examine a
cannon at pre-Civil War Ft. Barrancas



Cadet Lisa White and 1st Lt Doris Smith
with a tour guide at the
National Museum of Navy Aviation

WV Wing Member to Attend International Air Cadet Exchange

Capt Jeffery E. Schrock
Director of Public Affairs
West Virginia Wing

Captain Joseph K. Martin of the Clarksburg Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol, has been selected to attend the International Air Cadet Exchange in the Netherlands this summer.

Capt Martin will be a senior escort to four CAP cadets from around the country for three weeks. Martin's group will leave on July 15 and return August 4. In all, 17 countries will participate in the exchange. Martin says his group will be guests of the Netherlands Air Force and Aero Club.

"It allows cadets from all over the world to share and experience other cultures," said Martin. "These are the cream of the crop from CAP cadets." Martin is no stranger to this activity, he was a former CAP cadet who attended the cadet exchange in 1969 by traveling to Norway, and again as a senior escort in 1996 to France.

"We need to cement these kids early," said Martin. "These young people are going to be our leaders in the future. It will be a great experience, spending three weeks traveling to military bases, aerospace industries, and seeing cultural sites."

Martin is a pilot who builds and flies several experimental aircraft. He is a former squadron commander for the Clarksburg unit. He and his wife Linda, live near Salem, WV.

Martinsburg Composite Squadron Personnel take a Military Orientation Flight on a C-130 Aircraft

Lt Col Dennis D. Barron
Inspector General
West Virginia Wing

Twenty-five members of the Martinsburg Composite Squadron took to the skies on May 2nd aboard a C-130 aircraft of the WV Air National Guard's 167th Military Airlift Wing, which is based in Martinsburg. The military orientation flight, which was arranged through the Air Guard's Recruiting Office, supplemented the squadron's aerospace education program. This flight allowed the squadron's cadets and senior members to get a bird's eye view of the Eastern Panhandle. During the 75 minute flight, the members not only got to visit the cockpit, they got a greater thrill when the crew opened the large rear cargo door of the aircraft during a low pass over the Martinsburg Airport.

The Air Guard Recruiters provided the cadets with a short briefing prior to the flight about the benefits of joining the Air Guard. After the flight, the Recruiters provided each member with a copy of a group photo which was taken prior to boarding the aircraft.

Joining the members of the Martinsburg Squadron during the flight were 19 members from the Winchester Squadron, Virginia Wing. This gave the members of the two units an opportunity to meet each other and compare notes on the cadet program.

Another flight has been scheduled with the Air National Guard for the encampment participants. Those flights will be conducted from the Morgantown Airport during the encampment.



Members of the Martinsburg Squadron
Prior to the Flight



WV and VA Cadet and Senior
Members During the Flight



Open Cargo Door View Over
Martinsburg Airport

USAF Declares Civil Air Patrol Cadet Week

Capt Deborah M. Boggs
Director of Cadet Programs
West Virginia Wing

Air Force chief of staff General John Jumper has declared 4-11 July as "Cadet Week." This initiative presents an opportunity for Air Force installations to educate CAP cadets about the Air Force mission, show their support, and foster a closer working relationship with CAP.

Depending on the installation's resources and operational tempo, cadets may tour aviation and space facilities, shadow Air Force leaders, and experience a flight simulator, etc. The program is called "Cadet Week" not because every CAP cadet will be busy all week long, but to symbolize Air Force support for the CAP Cadet Program. Keep in mind that some installations may be precluded from participating because of the war and other mission requirements.

Clarksburg Composite Squadron Completes Construction Project

1st Lt John S. Carr
Public Affairs Officer
Clarksburg Composite Squadron

The Clarksburg Composite Squadron recently completed the paving of their parking area. This was one of many upgrades to the facility, which included the addition of rooms to the building, building of a garage, re-wiring the building, the adding of an emergency generator as well as various equipment upgrades. They will also be installing new signs, both at the building, as well at the airport entrance.

We are very proud of our facility and invite anyone who happens to be in the area to stop by and visit. The Clarksburg Squadron obtained funding for the paving through the WV Legislature Budget Digest.



Work in Progress



Finished Project

Senior Promotions

To Lieutenant Colonel: Jack R. Downey, Jr., WV020

To Major: Amelia G. Brooks, WV001

To Captain: Clarence W. Blankenship, WV093; Timothy D. Carmean, WV060; Dennis R. Moore, WV038; David T. Porter, WV020; Paul D. Rivenbark, WV060; Glenn D. Thompson, WV040

To 1st Lieutenant: Eric P. Judy, WV060

To 2nd Lieutenant: James W. Donley, WV060; Jerry L. Howell, WV060; Lynn M. Huggins, WV060; Joey Kimmet, WV060; Patrick J. Ryan, WV060; Willard M. Tasker, Jr., WV060

Retirements

Lt Col Gregory R. Hendry, WV000, 8 Jan 80 - 18 Oct 03, **23 Years Service**

Graduates of the Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members

Captain Jeffery E. Schrock, WV001, Captain Bradford W. Williams, WV020,
2nd Lt James L. Childress, WV099, 2nd Lt Stephen B. Kimble, WV013, 2nd Lt Jack L. Oliver, WV038,
and 2nd Lt Johnny F. Payne WV038.

Aviation Day at Morgantown Airport

Major John R. "Rick" Heis
Commander,
Morgantown Composite Squadron



1st Lt Eric P. Judy of WV060 Instructs
Interested Visitors on the CAP Airplane



Static Display Aircraft on the
Ramp at Morgantown



EAA Young Eagles Sign-up for an
Airplane Ride

Morgantown Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol, and the Boy Scouts of America Aviation Explorer Post #747, sponsored a day of aviation for area youth on Saturday April 24 at the Morgantown Airport.

Area youth were invited to receive a free Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagles airplane ride. The free flight was open to youth ages 8-17. A parent or guardian had to be present, and complete a registration/release form. Registration began at 9:30 a.m. and continued late into the afternoon.

Youth received flight training which included a careful "walk-around" preflight aircraft inspection. A Civil Air Patrol cadet or Aviation Explorer Post youth identified the aircraft's different parts, and the roles they play in flight. They also learned how to review an aeronautical chart, and identify reference points critical during flight, along with a basic description of the plane's interior and instrument panel.

Celebrating the next century of flight was the theme sponsors of the event planned for the all day activity. There were many other 'hands on' interactive aviation activities, static aircraft displays, and demonstrations. Visitors were able to talk with the pilots, aircraft owners, air traffic controllers, weather observers, airport operations personnel, etc.

As many of you know this entire day, was completely organized and sponsored by the Morgantown Composite Squadron CAP and our dual chartered Morgantown Aviation Explorer Post 747. There were many other organizations and individuals (too many to mention in this article) who participated in the event and without their involvement the day would not have been as successful as it was. The entire purpose of the day was to expose young people to aviation and our annual 'GIGANTIC' external aviation education event for our community (which is 1/3 of CAP's primary mission). It was estimated that over 5,000 youth and families experienced aviation this day. There were 70 CAP members (Morgantown Composite Squadron/Aviation Explorer Post & Clarksburg Composite Squadron & WV Wing staff) who volunteered that day to provide aviation to the area youth. This annual event grows each and every year, and the date for the 2005 Aviation Day has been set, Saturday, April 30, 2005.

Middle East Region Cadet Competition Results

Capt Deborah M. Boggs
Director of Cadet Programs
West Virginia Wing

The WV Wing team tied for 6th place overall in the MER Cadet Color Guard Competition. Our Cadets finished 2nd in the Outdoor Practical Drill, 4th in the Ranks Inspection and the Indoor Practical Drill, 5th in the Mile Run, 6th in the Written Exam, and 7th in the Standard Drill. Congratulations to all WV Wing Cadets who participated in the event which was won by the Maryland Wing.

Squadron Leadership School

Maj Amelia G. Brooks
Editor, Mountain Flyer

The following West Virginia Wing personnel graduated from the Squadron Leadership Course conducted 3-4 April 2004 at the National Mine Health and Safety Academy near Beckley, WV: 2nd Lt Kevin E. Bailey, WV093; 2nd Lt Louis J. Buantello, WV100; 2nd Lt A. Doug Doughton, WV093; 2nd Lt Bryan W. Fox, WV100; 2nd Lt Albert H. McGhee, WV099; 2nd Lt Joseph A. Watson, WV099; SM Dianne E. Bailey, WV093; SM Peggy J. Cutlip, WV100; SM Heather H. Estilow, WV100; SM Gary R. Lilly, WV099.

Squadron Leadership School is a two day class that covers the positions and responsibilities that Civil Air Patrol members encounter at the Squadron and Flight level. The Director for the course was Capt David L., Chaney, Commander of the Jon McBride Composite Squadron. Instructors included: Col Rodney F. Moody, Lt Col Virgil L. Martin, Lt Col Connie S. Moody, Maj Benjamin S. Reynolds, Capt Deborah M. Boggs, Capt Robert W. Cook, Capt Robert J. DeVere, and 1st Lt Thomas W. Plass.



SLS Students in the Classroom at the National Mine and Safety Academy near Beckley



Graduates of the Recent SLS with Col Rodney F. Moody Wing Commander



Lt Col Virgil L. Martin Wing Chief of Staff Teaches a Class

Observed SAREX at Petersburg, West Virginia

We have just completed a very successful training mission and Observed SAR. The weather in Petersburg and the search area was exactly what everyone expected - it changed by the hour. It did not snow this year, but we had our usual heavy rain storm in addition to temperature (when the sun came out) in the high 80's, but all in all the weather was better than what we had two years ago. Once again we were treated like "royalty" by Larry Stahl, the FBO at W99, and I think that all who were there should send a thank you card to him and his wife, for allowing us to invade their beautiful airport for a weekend. The scenario of the mission allowed all of the ground teams to get a good workout in the mountains, and to their credit, they were able to find both ELT's and all five visual targets, and to do it safely. The air crews were hampered by the flying weather, and everyone in the field was hampered by communications problems (it was good that every one had a cell phone), but these things are what you can expect anytime a mission is held in the highest mountains in the state. Ninety percent of all aircraft crashes in the state happen in the high mountains, so that is the place CAP needs to train its air and ground crews. This is the reason we chose the area around Petersburg for this mission, and why we will continue to have missions in the same area periodically. I want to thank each of you who participated. Whatever your job was, you did it without complaint and with expertise. Any problems that occurred were minor and any mistakes that were made are all part of the learning experience. A Special Thanks to the Mission Staff is in order. They were limited in number because we wanted as many people to operate in the field as was possible, but even with a very limited Staff, all the necessary jobs got accomplished in a professional manner.

Personally, I had time to be in the search area and listen to the radio traffic, and also had time to be at mission base and see what was taking place there, and what I found was that everyone was doing as much as humanly possible to conduct a successful search mission. I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with such a dedicated and professional group of people.

Lt Col Eugene E. Thorn, Director of Emergency Services, West Virginia Wing.

CAP Unit Commanders Course

Maj Amelia G. Brooks
Editor, Mountain Flyer

A Commanders Call opened the Unit Commanders Course which was conducted by Lt Col David Brooks, near Beckley, WV at the National Mine Health and Safety Academy. Thirty-six WV Wing members attended the three day classes despite the bitter weather conditions which dipped as low as three degrees. This course was structured in compliance with the Civil Air Patrol National requirements. Early discussions were based on a "Goals and Objectives Seminar Handout for a Strategic Planning Exercise and the Organization of Seminar Groups.

The first topic was introduced by Col Mike Nimo and Lt Col David Brooks; they spoke on Command Responsibility and Accountability. Other participants who spoke on more than one topic were Lt Col Dennis Barron on the topics of Adverse Member Actions, Recruiting and Retention and on "The Committed Volunteer." Col Rodney Moody's session touched on "Your role in the Missions, Delegating, and Setting Goals and Objectives. He also spoke on "Teamwork Techniques, Unit Training Programs, and Successful Units. Lt Col David Brooks spoke on "Successful Leaders".

All attendees were encouraged to ask questions and have input into the discussions. Members were split into six groups and given an assignment of questions for the final seminar. They prepared group responses to "Setting goals and Objectives" which consisted of three questions in regard to the Cadet Program, Unit Training, and what could be done to improve the WV Wing with an immediate positive impact and what do we see as challenges the WV Wing will be facing in the next three years. The teams were also asked to write a brief plan of action to implement any suggestions. After a lunch break the Setting Goals and Objectives by the six team groups were introduced and discussed. This discussion was followed by a "Course Critique"; and to close the session course certificates were awarded.

This Unit Commanders Course had a one-hundred percent attendance record filled with pertinent information and a class membership full of enthusiasm and vision to take back to their units.



Graduates of the West Virginia Wing
Civil Air Patrol Unit Commanders Course at the
National Mine Health Safety Academy near Beckley, WV

WV Wing Public Affairs Roundtable at Clarksburg Headquarters

Maj Amelia G. Brooks
Editor, Mountain Flyer

Participants in the recent West Virginia Wing Public Affairs Roundtable activity are shown with their door-prizes. They included: Front Row Left to Right, Lt Col Billie K. Harmon, WV040, Capt N. Fern Thorne, WV038, Lt Col Eugene E. Thorn, WV001, Back Row Left to Right, 1st Lt John S. Carr, WV038, Col Bernard E. Dalton, WV049, 1st Lt George N. Dragonir, WV049, and Capt Eugene W. Rogers, WV038.

Capt Jeffery E. Schrock the Wing Director of Public Affairs conducted the program with Maj Amelia G. Brooks, Editor of the Mountain Flyer in attendance.



Cadet Orientation Flight Events

Capt Deborah M. Boggs
Director of Cadet Programs
West Virginia Wing

I would like to thank everyone who attended the recent Cadet Programs Flight Orientation ride events at Charleston, Beckley and Buckhannon-Upshur Regional Airports. There were a total of 73 cadets in attendance, with five aircraft being the average number available at each event.

Special thanks to Capt William E. Motsinger and 2nd Lt Vicki L. Barnhouse, both of Mid-Valley Composite Squadron, for their management of the air events. Bill and Vicki have devised a management system that flows smoothly and may be utilized at the encampment if Cadet O-Rides are conducted.

I would also like to thank Maj John R. Heis of the Morgantown Composite Squadron and Maj Benjamin S. Reynolds of the Greenbrier Squadrons who were the Project Safety Officers. The weather was questionable at times and some safety decisions had to be made by sending some aircraft home early.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Jon McBride, Morgantown and Clarksburg Squadrons for providing lunch for everyone at two of the events.

We received input from various members who were present that will assist us in our efforts to increase efficiency as we continue to provide the West Virginia Wing cadets opportunities to come together and get acquainted as well as fly.

Capt Robert J. DeVere conducted an Aerospace Education activity at two events; while at another, the ground program consisted of Rifle training (color guard) and drill training in anticipation of the upcoming cadet encampment. Also, 1st Lt Tomas W. Plass of the Jon McBride Composite Squadron, with the assistance of SM Amanda L. Bond of the Charleston Cadet Squadron conducted blood borne pathogens training with a mock accident scene for a real life assessment situation. At the end of the day, the cadets formed a line and conducted a ramp check cleaning the taxi-way of debris and rocks.

All in all, I believe the events went well as the cadets appeared to enjoy the flying and the other planned activities.



Some Scenes from Each of the Flight Events

Cadet Program Awards

General Billy Mitchell Award: Cadet Chad M. Cutlip, WV100

Actual Mission Within a Training Mission

Lt Col Eugene E. Thorn
Director of Emergency Services
West Virginia Wing

During the third day of our recent training exercise Sunday, 13 June, we were forced to delay the activities for a few hours as members had to switch from a training mode to an actual mode and search for a missing aircraft. Thirty four members of Clarksburg, Morgantown, Greenbrier Squadrons and Wing Staff personnel, responded to the call. We put three aircraft up, but due to the rapid conclusion of the mission, the total aircraft time was a little less than two hours.

The Actual Mission Number was 04M-1226A. It opened at 1050 Local and closed at 1650 Local. After that time, we went back into a training mode.

The missing aircraft was found quickly due to a request I made to AFRCC for a reflected radar image of a particular area during a very specific time frame. This image showed a fire on a mountain just off the route of flight. WVOES sent a fire department to see what had caused the fire, and they found the wreckage near Rupert, WV. The two souls on board were deceased.

Once we received confirmation of the find from AFRCC, we put most of our people back to on the training exercise and left only two or three people on the "real" mission to wrap up the paperwork. It was an interesting day.

We continued the training exercise during the week and concluded the training on 20 June 2004.

I want to thank all those who participated for their dedication to duty.

Joint CAP and Aviation Explorer Post Scoutarama

Capt Jeffery Schrock
Director of Public Affairs
West Virginia Wing

The following photographs are from the Scoutarama conducted at the Morgantown Mall on March 13, 2004. The Morgantown Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol has joined with the Boy Scouts of America to create the jointly chartered Aviation Explorer Post 747. All members of the Boy Scout unit are members of CAP.



Middle East Region Staff College

Maj Amelia G. Brooks
Editor, Mountain Flyer

The following West Virginia Wing personnel recently graduated from the MER Staff College: Maj Maynard R. Coiner, WV093, Maj Kathy L. Slaughter, WV001, Maj Ronald L. Slaughter, WV001, Capt Clarence W. Blankenship, WV093, and 1st Lt Jack L. Oliver, WV038.

The Staff College was conducted at Peace College, Raleigh, NC and is designed to prepare CAP members for service at the Wing and Region level.

Oshkosh AirVenture 2004

Maj John R. "Rick" Heis
Commander,
Morgantown Composite Squadron

Plans for the 2004 trip to Oshkosh WI are complete. The WV Wing is scheduled to attend Air Venture, departing on 24 July, 2004, around 6:00 A.M. from the Morgantown WV CAP building. We will arrive back in Morgantown on Saturday, 31 July, 2004 in the early evening. The approximate cost will be \$250.00 which will cover all your needs. This includes fuel for the vans and \$20.00 per day for food, (\$160.00 of the \$250.00 is for food). This is the basic cost, if you want anything special, you will need additional spending money. Family members are invited to participate in their own private vehicles; the deadline is 7 July, 2004. Please contact me at 304-864-6356 or 1st Lt Ross White at 304-622-2945 if you are interested in attending the event.